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Conditions In District Best In Number of Years

HEAVY WEEK-END RAINS FURTHER SET-BACK TO SEEDING

1.47 Inches Rain Up to Tuesday night

Heavy week-end rains blasted hopes of farmers in the district that they would be able to commence spring plowing and seeding operations during the early or middle part of this week. Commencing on Saturday morning, a continuous downpour lasting until Sunday evening, saw 1.37 inches of moisture fall and soak into the soil. In sections already over-quenched from spring thaws and recent snow storms, great sloughs of water formed, some of these covering large areas of fields. While this was not altogether unobjectionable, great concern was caused when some of these sloughs overran their banks, and washed away sections of roads, or covered them to a depth too deep to ford with a car. This occurred along the main highway to the west of Bassano.

It has been reliably reported that spring work will be delayed approximately one week, due to the recent rain storm, with prospects of seeding operations commencing about May 1st. Only once in the past history of the district has seeding been so late, and on this occasion, we are informed, only five per cent of the seeding was completed by May 1st. However, even with the late start, farmers in the district are smiling more than ever, and anticipate a bumper year. Not being too optimistic, they state that it really is the summer rains in the months of July and August that tell the story. With this, they add that they believe this is the year they are going to get the summer rains.

A light fall of rain on Tuesday evening brought another .10 inches of moisture, making a total for the week of 1.47. This added to estimates of the amount of moisture in recent snow storms, gives a total for spring moisture amounting to 4.47 inches.

A fairly strong breeze with accompanying sunshine on Wednesday performed miracles with the surplus moisture, drying roads and fields rapidly. Clouded skies appear to be breaking open, and there is every indication of a mild spell coming, in which time farmers will jump at the opportunity of commencing their much delayed work.

Roads in the district are hardly worth writing about. What was at one time a first class gravel highway, now gives one the impression of a ploughed field. The few cars that are travelling carry articles of a wide variety, in the hopes that some of them may come in handy if and when the machine becomes bogged down in some mud-hole. However, the drying days that appear to be coming will relieve the situation, and the government road crews will be able to smooth out bumps until the roads can again be built up to their old standards. The situation was so acute that one motorist reports he was even unable to travel on the prairie grass between Gleichen and Bassano, and had to resort upon the train to reach this point. Travellers have either discarded their idea of visiting local merchants, or have stayed

PLENTY OF FOOD, WRITES SISTER OF MRS. HINTON

Writing to her sister, Mrs. N. E. Hinton of Bassano, Mrs. Kay, a resident of England, denies that there is a shortage of food in the Old Country, as has been reported throughout Canada and the United States by propagandists. In her letter, Mrs. Kay outlines the rationing system, and tells of how successful it is working. She also enclosed several clippings from English newspapers that throw considerable light upon the situation.

In her letter, Mrs. Kay states in part:

We are all very much amused here by the effect the Nazi propaganda in U.S.A. and Canada, I refer principally to the idea that we are starving. We have been rationed over some things, but there is any amount of every kind of food. No one would know we are at war. We get 1/2 lb. butter a week each and there is an unlimited supply of very good margarine to help out for cooking. We get 3/4 lb. sugar each and extra for making preserves. I am very glad that they started by rationing this instead of leaving it until we were in a mess like in 1917. So please broadcast it or write to your local papers to say that every thing is fine here.

I heard over the German wireless that we were listening to Winston Churchill's speech cowering over empty grates wearing our overcoats. There was a bit of a muddle over the coal for a few weeks, but it was chiefly due to the holding up of supplies owing to the fearful weather. Nothing could get around and the coal was frozen solid into the railway trucks so that it had to be dug out with picks instead of being tipped out.

It has been a fearful winter. It started very late but more than made up for it. There are miles of gutters down everywhere. The melting snow simply pushed the gutters off the roofs when it fell. You see it was such a change for us here to have so much snow. The weather seems to have been mild for years.

here between trains to combat their business.

A rumor that the Crowfoot bridge on the main highway ten miles west of Bassano, had washed out caused considerable alarm last week, but more reliable reports indicated that it was only the approaches to the bridge that had been worn down by flowing water. The wash-away was temporarily repaired, and the cars that were able to get through proceeded across the valley with little difficulty.

All trucks and bus service on the main highway between Calgary and Medicine Hat has been brought to a standstill by Government bans, and no date has been set for the opening of the roads. It will probably be the first of next week before the roads can again be placed in shape for heavy traffic.

All in all, while great difficulty has been found in motoring, the general good feeling of district citizens more than offsets anything else, the prospects being almost too good to be true. Let us hope that a brief mild spell will come, to be followed by rains and more rains throughout the summer.

Discuss Roads at Trade Bd. Meeting

Quiet Meeting Board of Trade

Approximately twenty members attended the Luncheon-Meeting of the Board of Trade held in the Royal Cafe on Wednesday afternoon of this week, April 24th. President James Johnston occupied the chair.

Following the luncheon, the meeting was called to order by the President, and the Secretary, Mr. R. A. Gordon was called upon to read the minutes of the last regular meeting.

Reporting on behalf of the executive, Mr. Johnston stated that a meeting of the executive had been held, but that no important business had been discussed. The secretary reported on finances of the Board at the present moment, which indicate a bank balance of some hundred dollars, and reported that no correspondence had been received since the last meeting.

The various committees reported that little activity had been undertaken by them in recent weeks, due to the inclement weather, and the conditions of the roads.

A lengthy discussion on the road situation in the district took place, and it was moved and carried that the Board go on record as protesting vigorously to the condition of the Strathmore-Medicine Hat section of the main highway. The secretary was instructed to communicate with the department of Public Works in Edmonton to this effect, and also communicate with other Boards of Trade and organizations along the highways, asking for their co-operation in bringing the matter to the attention of the department.

A motion, stating that the Board go on record as being favorable for the holding of the annual Stampede and Sports Day in Bassano on July 1st, 1940, was also carried. Plans for this annual event will be made at a future meeting, when the necessary committees will be appointed. Tentative plans indicate that this year's sports day will be bigger and better than ever, and it has been suggested that visitors from distant districts be notified and invited to attend well in advance of the date of the display.

Discussion on several matters of minor importance to the Board and the town of Bassano was undertaken, and referred to the secretary.

Mr. Harry Holmes, reporting on behalf of the Public Affairs Committee, stated that the matter of a new sidewalk leading to the school grounds would be taken up with the town council at its next regular meeting. Poor drainage in the vicinity of the road leading to the school has resulted in very bad roads and walks, and it has been suggested that a new cinder sidewalk, with high sides, be constructed up to the school gate.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2 p. m.

E.I.D. NOTES

The District has been notified of the election of Mr. John W. Smidstrup as contact man for Millicent Flats.

Owing to the inclement weather conditions, the Annual Meetings of the District will be held on 25th April at Brooks and 26th April at Countess only for the purpose of adjourning the meetings for one week to 2nd May at Brooks and 3rd May at Countess.

E.I.D. Report Shows Deficit For Year 1939

STOP SIGNS PLACED AT LOCAL INTERSECTIONS

Stop signs were placed at the intersections of side streets with main street at McKee's Corner, and at the Texaco Garage Corner this week. The signs were put in place by the local town council.

In future, in accordance with the highways traffic laws of the province of Alberta, motorists will be required to come to a full stop at these intersections, before proceeding from the side street onto Main street. Violation of the law will subject motorists to penalties as set by the Provincial Government.

The signs are located on the right hand side of the streets, and may easily be seen by any motorist. They are approximately eighteen inches square, and are painted yellow with large letters displaying the word "STOP!"

Similar stop signs are also being placed at Playfair's Corner, near the station, and at the Corner near Roy Smith's house where a side street joins the main highway.

Motorists in the town and district are asked to heed these signs when driving around in Bassano.

Weather Upsets Festival Schedule

Change Dates of Festivals at Duchess, Milo, Rainier, Hussar and Bassano.

Festival dates in the Bassano School Inspectorate, which includes all schools in the E. I. D. and Bow Valley School Divisions, and the Bassano Public School, have been altered, according to authoritative information given the Recorder on Wednesday evening of this week. All dates will be set back approximately one week.

The new schedule for the Music and Dramatic Festivals will be as follows:

Milo—Wednesday, May 8th
Duchess—Tuesday, May 14th
Hussar—Monday, May 13th
Rainier—Wednesday, May 15th
Bassano—Friday, May 17th

Due to the conditions of roads throughout the entire district, it was thought advisable that the Festival dates be changed, delaying each until roads have had an opportunity to dry up, permitting travel. This is the second time this spring that an alteration has been made in Festival dates due to weather conditions.

Announcement of adjudicators has been made for the Milo and Duchess Festivals. Adjudicators for the remaining Festivals will be announced next week. At Milo, Miss Christina Murdock will adjudicate Music, and Mrs. G. Williams will adjudicate Elocution and Dramatics. At Duchess, adjudicators will be R. W. Summerbell, L. R. S. M., Music, and Mrs. Albin Nelson, Dramatics and Elocution.

Ladies of the local R. C. Altar Society are busy these days making plans for their annual Fall Bazaar. It is reported that sewing will be distributed to the ladies within the course of the next few days.

Reserve this date—May 24th—for a good evening's fun at the dance in the Gem Community Hall.

OPERATING EXPENSES UP AND REVENUE DECREASED

The Eastern Irrigation District, which was under provincial government supervision for the last nine months of 1939, recorded a deficit of \$14,960.69 on operations during that year, compared with a surplus of \$48,480.49 for the year 1938, according to the annual report of the project made public last week.

The District was administered in 1938 by E. L. Gray, Alberta Liberal leader who resigned his position as manager to devote his time to party organization work.

Under government supervision in 1939, maintenance and operating expenses were increased by \$58,488.12 to a new high total of \$172,012.24, while revenue from the water rates levy amounted to \$225,693.31, a decrease of \$7,882.34 from the previous year. Uncollectible water rates totalled \$21,074.29 for the year, the report indicated.

STAFF, WAGES INCREASED

Bulk of the increase in maintenance and administrative operations was reflected in either wage increase or increase in staff personnel in 1939 as compared with the previous year. In 1939 a total of \$104,369.21 was paid out in wages, compared with \$63,533.41 the previous year, an increase of \$40,835.80.

Operation and administrative expense in 1939 totalled \$172,012.24, compared with \$113,524.12 in 1938, increases being recorded in practically every department.

The 1939 water rate levy was based on 141,688 acres at \$1.60 per acre, compared with 133,928 acres at \$1.75 per acre in 1938.

It also pointed out in the report that "during the late summer, tax assessment notices received from the (provincial government) department of municipal affairs covering the lands of the district, showed very material increases over the previous assessments. An appeal was entered on behalf of the district, and we were successful in having the assessment reduced by approximately \$70,000."

TRUSTEES RE-ELECTED

The report also indicated that the increase in administrative expenses was due to some extent to the provisions of the Minimum Wage Act being applied to employees of the district.

Mr. Gray resigned from the post of manager of the district in January, 1939. On March 29, 1939 the Provincial Government dismissed the board of trustees and placed an administrator in charge of the district. All former trustees and two additional trustees were later re-elected by the water-users of the district at a general election.

In December, 1939, L. C. Charlesworth took over the duties of manager of the district having been appointed to that position by the board of trustees.

CARD OF THANKS

May we take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to the citizens of the district, to Dr. Scott and the Nurses of the local Hospital, in the kindnesses they showed towards our family in our recent sad bereavement. We also wish to thank those who visited or sent flowers to our beloved wife and mother during her short illness.

John Swanson and children, Marian, Elizabeth, Annetta and Robert,

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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

THERE ARE SOME who think that there is no necessity to emphasize constantly the need of more general use of the National Anthem in this country.

Canada's population is drawn from all parts of the world and there are many people living in Canada who have never heard the National Anthem and having been thus deprived have lost one means of becoming identified patriotically with the sentiments which ought to inspire every true Canadian to a reverent emotion for the Empire to which it belongs.

In one of the coast cities recently a citizen who came to this country from Central Europe twenty-six years ago appeared in court. Despite his long residence in this country, an interpreter was required to act as an intermediary in the proceedings. Of course, the hearing of the National Anthem more frequently will not in itself create an interest in the language of the country, but it might have the effect of providing inspiration to a newcomer which might propel him to a desire to become a worthy and interested citizen in every possible respect.

In times like these, when the exploits of the British Navy serve as a reminder to every decent citizen that the liberties he enjoys are dependent largely on the bulwark provided by our mastery of the seas, the singing of the National Anthem becomes a hymn of thanksgiving, as well as a prayer for the continuation of the things the British Empire stands for.

A NAZI PAPER Has made the discovery that Rome was burned by Jews, and that Nero was an accomplice. This was in the year 64. The paper looks upon it as very suspicious that the Jewish quarter escaped the general conflagration. Nero's connection with it has been confined to his playing the fiddle, yet when a spiritualistic medium got in touch with him eighteen hundred years later, he said it was a campaign lie—that far from playing the violin, he was playing the hose. The Nazi report that Hebrew properties escaped the flames may also be capable of explanation. Perhaps they were not insured. — Vulcan Advocate.

IT WAS AN INSIDE JOB. Now that the facts are coming to light it is more and more apparent that the German invasion of Norway was not only an aggressive act on the part of Hitler, but an inside job on the part of what we look upon as traitorous Norwegians. It is well known by many that the Nazi organization has a strong following in the Scandinavian countries. Funny, but these Nazis outside Germany are so dumb as to believe that they will be allowed to act on their own after they come under the "protective" spell of Hitler. They remind us of Pinocchio's experience on Pleasure Island. They won't wake up till they grow the ears and tails of a jackass.—Claremont Local Press.

WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF OUR CITIZENS OF

FOREIGN BIRTH WHO ARE LOYAL TO CANADA.

THE PEOPLE OF EDSON Set Canadians a good example last week in refusing to accept the resignation of the Mayor of that Town, because he was a native of Denmark, and because that country is now a protectorate of a country at war with the Empire. The wholehearted response of citizens in protest against such action is a fair indication of the attitude of most Canadians.

Made up as we are of many different nationalities, it is only reasonable to expect us to be tolerant. Throughout the country there are thousands of Danes, Austrians, Czechs, Poles who have come to this country to seek freedom and opportunity to better themselves whose native lands are now considered enemy territory. They have all made their contribution to our development helping to make Canada a better place in which to live. We can set an example which the nations of Europe might well follow in establishing relations with their fellowmen regardless of boundaries.

Others of our citizens from foreign countries play an important part in our development and we welcome them and do not discriminate against them simply because they are for or against us. The contribution of Norwegians, Swedes, Americans, as well as others has been considered in this land, as has been the part played by Germans.

Because we are at war with other countries does not mean we are at war individually with every native of the enemy country. We believe today we are not fighting against Germans, but rather the system which has overpowered them, and so we should continue our cordial relations with our neighbors, regardless of what race, color, or creed.

Another matter which we should remember is that in this land a man may support any theory and work for it without persecution, so long as they do not, through this theory, advocate publicly the overthrow of our government or form of government. Although the records of Russia and Germany are not Communism and Nazism, still citizens have the right to believe these theories so long as they do not attempt to incite others to take action and establish the theory in this land. Freedom of speech, thought and action are no doubt the basic principles of the democracy which we are fighting for.

Rather than seeking to convert these people to our beliefs by force, we should seek to bring home to them by education the value of citizenship in this land. We have not as yet reached a state of Utopia, but we are constantly trying, and will continue to try, to better the condition of all. Even though we are not perfect, the class hatred and tyranny so evident in lands ruled by dictators does not exist in Canada to day, and citizens who are so prone to criticize our mistakes and failures should bear this in mind. If they cannot learn to adopt a tolerant point of view then they should take the first opportunity to move to the land whose form or theory of government agrees with their beliefs. —Peace River Record

IN LOVING MEMORY

Mrs. Frank Rodbourne who passed away April 28, 1938.
"At home on the beautiful hills
of God,
In the valley of rest so fair,
Sometimes, somewhere, when our
work is done,
With joy we shall meet her there."

Always remembered,
Dad, William, Arthur,
Hilda, Leah and Mary.



BOWLING SCORES....

By Cliff

Bowling seems to have taken hold amongst the younger set of the town of late, with six teams putting in to form a league. This is the second tournament within the past month or so, with more to follow we hope.

With nothing to do and all night to do it in, we hit upon the idea of patronizing our local bowling allies. This we all agreed, would keep a few of us out of mischief, at least two or three nights of the week. So far, the idea has created quite a bit of enthusiasm, and everybody seems to be as happy as a cat on Canary Island about the whole thing.

The teams are mixed, in other words, each team consists of two boys and two girls, playing two games on the night they are scheduled to play. The totals of the games are added together, and compared with the other team. The team with the highest score is credited with a win. At the end of the playoffs, the team with the most wins, is in line for a prize.

Here's a line-up of the teams:

A TEAM—

Babe Bassarab
Doreen Strand
Ival Warren
Boneta Johnson

B TEAM

Gordon Smith
Jean Lees
Bill Snape
Ferne Ferguson

C TEAM

Charles Hanna
Elizabeth Wittenberger
Stanley Wight
Alisa Hopkins

D TEAM

Sam Edwards
Winifred Playfair
Clif Johnson
Kay Bond

E TEAM

Ted Stiles
Phyl Plummer
Bob Patterson
Connie MacBeth

F TEAM

Ronnie MacLean
Margaret Douglas
Eddie Marquardt
Nettie LeGrandeur

Monday, April 22nd,

E	vs.	F
1278		1096

Tuesday, April 23rd,

A	vs.	B
1151		1268

C	vs.	D
1196		1073

Wednesday, April 24th,

B	vs.	C
1255		1176

F	vs.	A
1160		1134

Tonight, the teams D and E will go on the boards to see which is the better team. The results of this game will be published in the next edition of the Recorder.

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SOFTBALL MEETING SUNDAY

A meeting of all those interested in organizing a softball league in Bassano this spring will be held in the Royal Cafe on Sunday afternoon, next, April 28th, at 2:30 p.m. sharp.

All men in town, married, single, and school students, are requested to please attend the meeting. Plans will be discussed and general organization work completed. It is understood that considerable enthusiasm is being shown for the formation of such a league, and prospects at the present time indicate that four teams can be organized. Support of all will assist greatly with the organization work.

Weather permitting, a practice will be held following the meeting, with teams being chosen from those attending.

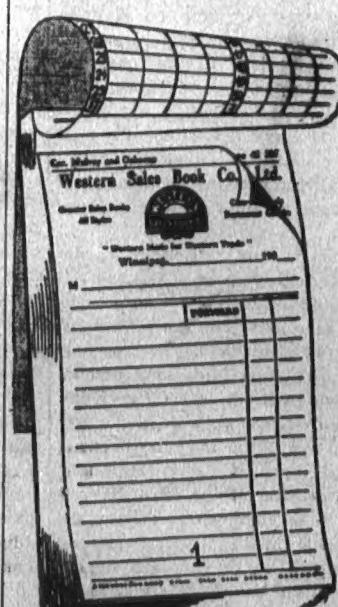
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In Wartime.**

by "Neutral Observer"

If one were asked what were the most outstanding psychological change that had taken place in England after the first six months of the war, one would find no difficulty in giving a quick and sure answer: it is that the war which Western Front has come to England. The curious conflict to come to the barely reached the armies has become part and parcel of the mental and emotional life of the English people.

Half a year ago, the war with all the great changes it wrought in the life of the country, with all the hardships and complications it entailed, with the numerous duties and obligations it imposed, was only an external fact of military and political importance. It was primarily a problem of the Government and of the various branches of the Services. The people as a whole sanctioned it, approved it, but they were not touched by it. The hearts of the average man and woman in Britain to ardently desired peace to be able to accept war and make it their own.

Now, after six months, an observer of England can say with certainty that the war has come to occupy a place in the hearts of Englishmen. The conflict no longer is merely a matter of regulations pertaining to black-outs, evacuation, rationing and other discomforts of war; it has touched the heart-strings of the people; it has awakened profound interest; it has stirred deep emotions of love and pride; it has become the daily affair and concern of the man in the street and the woman in the house. It has become part of English life, not only of its history.

One scene of the first days of the war which constantly recurs to the mind vividly illustrates this remarkable change. It was on the memorable Sunday when Mr. Chamberlain, in his famous broadcast, announced that a state of war now existed between England and Germany. I found myself then in a small cottage in a Sussex village.

Church Announcements**St. Columbus Church**

BASSANO, ALBERTA

MASSES: 2nd Sunday of each month at 9 o'clock or 11 o'clock alternately. 5th Sunday of the month at 9 o'clock. Special Devotions will be announced as the occasion arises.

REV. JAMES MORROW - PASTOR

Church of England

BASSANO, ALBERTA

Rev. J. H. Naylor.

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Church**

11 a.m. - Sunday School

7.30 p.m. - Evening Service

SUBJECT: "How we may know God."

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Charles F. Laine, Pastor

BASSANO MISSION

L.O.O.F. Hall, Bassano

Church Service on Sunday at
7.30 p.m.Pastor D. H. Scrimgeour of Brooks
will speak.

Speaker: E. E. HARTFORD

Everyone cordially invited to come.

been awakened by the war, and this has given the conflict a colour, interest and enthusiasm which it did not have six months ago.

Above all, the last few months have brought a new pride to England. The battle of the River Plate, the exploits of the destroyer "Cossack", the flights of the R.A.F. over Germany, the battles of the simple fishermen with the German

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I am free to think, and to do. I am protected in my rights and encouraged to explore and give effect to my possibilities. I may hold true to my mother tongue, and worship as my conscience impels. I may say, or write, whatsoever I think, so long as I do not plot the overthrow by force of the government under which my freedom persists. I am protected against bodily harm, and am secured in my wordly goods. No-one can injure me, or take my goods away from me, without fair compensation and the due process of just laws.

If I am accused of wrong doing, six of my peers reasonable and without interest, will judge of my guilt or innocence. I am held blameless until I am proved responsible.

I am free to secure an education merely by seeking it, and the measure of it depends upon my own diligence. I have unrestricted opportunity to work. Opportunity awaits for me with the rising sun, anew each morn—what I shall do with the day is for me, alone to say.

If I become afflicted, those about me will care for me. I can live with my family and neighbors in peace, if I choose, and in sufficiency, if I will. In my business dealings I can make a just contract, and no power will overset it.

For all this—I pay nothing, except a mere tax pitance. All this is free to me, a Canadian.

Good and true men and women before I came prepared the way for me through hardship, sacrifice and death—to freedom, liberty, opportunity and stable government. Even if I would, I cannot repay them. I can only safeguard, conserve, foster, and honor that which they have given to me, and protect it, if necessary, with my life.

I believe that the privileges and advantages of Canadian citizenship present to me the opportunity to enjoy most that is worth-while in life, and that influences seeking to imperil them should be remorselessly eradicated.

I am proud and jealous of my rights to think and do. I am proud of my country and its system of government. I have faith in its future.

I am a Canadian.
(Author Unknown). Insurance Agent and Broker.

Here and There

Requests from readers for more of the inside dope on happenings in and about Bassano, prompts the publication of this column. Names of persons mentioned herein either living, dead or half-dead, is purely intentional, and the sole responsibility rests upon those persons for having said names.—Ed.

Sam Edwards, substitute Secretary in the hospital, says that since his shoes do not match the mahogany

any of the desk top, he has to keep his feet under the desk. Spoils your sleeping posture too, doesn't it Sam!

Ken Hansen overheard asking if there were any un-decent pictures in the latest issue of "Click."

It has been suggested that Ronnie Gordon stick to his profession, and start selling his advice, instead of giving it away.

We do not want to suggest that Mr. Snape and Gordon Smith have

England IN THE 15th CENTURY

Two hundred years earlier, England established the art of brewing commercially. It was at this time the water of Burton on the Trent began to be famous. The monks were first to discover the secret of this famous water. There is a document, dated 1495, in which it is stated that Matilda, daughter of Nicolas de Thoben, had released to the Abbot of Burton certain tene- ments. In return she was granted daily for life, two loaves, two gallons of Beer and a penny, besides seven gallons of Beer for the men.

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SEALED tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed, "Tenders for Coal for Western Province," will be received until 12 o'clock noon (daylight saving), Monday, May 13, 1940, for the supply of coal for the Dominion Buildings and Experimental Farms and Stations, throughout the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

Forms of tender with specifications and conditions attached can be obtained from the Purchasing Agent, Department of Public Works, Ottawa; the District Resident Architect, Winnipeg, Man.; the District Resident Architect, Saskatoon, Sask.; the District Resident Architect, Calgary, Alta.; and the District Resident Architect, Victoria, B. C.

Tenders should be made on the forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with departmental specifications and conditions attached thereto.

In the case of tenders quoting for one or more places or building and when the total of their offer exceeds the sum of \$5,000, they must attach to their tender a certified cheque on a chartered bank in Canada, made payable to the order of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 per cent of the amount of the tender, or Bearer Bonds of the Dominion of Canada or of the Canadian National Railway Company and its constituent companies, unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Dominion of Canada, or the aforementioned Bonds and a certified cheque if required to make up an odd amount.

The Department also reserves the right to demand from any successful tenderer a security deposit in the form of a certified cheque or bond as above, equal to 10 per cent of the amount of his bid, to guarantee the proper fulfilment of the contract.

By order,
J. M. SOMMERSVILLE,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, April 18, 1940.

expressed any differences of opinion but it does look queer to see the two of them limping around these days.

Bob Patterson (during a session of cards one evening of this week) "I am not cheating, I had that ace before we started."

Tom Muller from out Makepeace way seen airin' up a flat.

We understand that a certain Nurse in the Gleichen District read the last issue of the Recorder very thoroughly, then with a sigh of relief said, "It's a good thing they didn't say anything about us." Who could that have been, and what was the reason for all the alarm?

We have seen numerous "stick-in-the-muds" around lately.

Even if his clothes were all back to front, Stan Haskayne claims a record for catching trains. Two minutes flat to wake up, dress and buy a ticket is pretty good.

Margaret claims that a person can't make her blush—that's just her natural color.

What happened to the street cleaning department? Our streets seem to be kind of mucky.

Where is Confucius these days?

(Continued from page 3).

IMPRESSIONS OF BRITAIN IN WARTIME

air-bombers, the successful struggle of the mine-sweepers against the magnetic mine—all these have aroused a new pride and have created a new spirit in the country.

One sees evidence of this spirit on every step; in the outburst of enthusiasm with which the war pictures are received by cinema audiences, in the warmth with which popular members of the Government are received, in the fervour with which "God Save the King" is sung and in numerous similar acts of daily life.

To the writer of these lines however, the most convincing proof of the great change was supplied by a single figure in the huge crowd on Trafalgar Square that greeted the heroes of the cruisers "Exeter" and "Ajax" when they marched through London. It was our pleasant hostess of the Sussex cottage of six months ago. Her two boys have enlisted in the Navy, her husband was in the army, and she took a day off from her work and came to London to cheer the boys of the River Plate battle. And she cheered with so much gusto, pride and motherly love in her shining blue eyes that she, no less than the marching sailors themselves, warmed every British heart (and also of all lovers of Britain.)

Changes such as these are not infrequent in war, but they usually come after invasion, bombardments or military defeats. That such a change should have come before the people and the Army had experienced any of the tragic and dramatic events of war is a fact of remarkable significance.

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The staircase is often an ideal spot for snapshots at home. In this picture of a small girl off to her afternoon nap, note how an interesting effect of sunshine and shadow has been created by clever placing of photo lights.

IN MANY houses, one of the best picture locations—and one of the most neglected—is the stairway. If you've never taken pictures on the stairs, give some thought to it now—there may be any number of unusual picture opportunities waiting for you.

Several features of the staircase make it a good location for snapshots. In the first place, it enables you to place a subject at different elevations; and in the second place, the pattern of treads and banisters helps provide an interesting or decorative setting. If the staircase is unusual in design, with novel breaks, a curving rail, carving or wrought-iron work, its value as a setting may be even greater.

With many staircases, interesting shadow effects can be obtained,

by proper placing of photo lights. Often, lighting effects may be evolved which suggest sunlight. An interesting example of how lighting can be utilized to create a novel shadow pattern is seen in the picture above.

Stairs may be used as a background to make a person appear taller, and they are especially good as a setting for snapshots of the children, with a "bedtime" or "breakfast-time" theme. Some stairways lend themselves to interesting angle shots and novel compositions.

Try your hand at "staircase snapshots." Experiment with various picture ideas, lighting effects, and camera angles, and the chances are you'll find a number of good shots to add to your picture collection.

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News Notes From District Correspondents

HUSSAR

The Red Cross Society, with Mrs. N. MacLeod as convener, held a bridge party at the Rex Cage on Thursday evening. Bridge, Whist and Chinese Checkers were played. The winners at bridge were Mrs. Ben Snyder and Mr. Ivan Montgomery. Some twelve dollars and ninety cents were cleared.

The Village of Hussar experienced a "Black-Out" on Sunday, and far into the night. With no radios or other electrical contrivances, and no lights, with the rain falling intermittently, the week end was a long one. In spite of the rain, and road conditions, the mail carrier arrived from Rockyford on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Herb Saunders and baby daughter, who have been in the Bassano Hospital arrived home the first of the week.

It rained here again on Monday night.

Church Services were again postponed on account of the weather and roads.

The Music Festival has had to be postponed, awaiting better road conditions.

Mr. Fred Bohne, of Gem, renewed acquaintances in Hussar the first of the week.

Mr. McCullough, school inspector was in Hussar on official business between trains on Monday and

Tuesday.

Mrs. Ole Christensen came down from Calgary on Monday; she will visit with her son, B. Bonda, and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Clark till such time as the roads are opened up again.

Mr. Joe Hines spent the week in Calgary, returning on Monday's train.

Mr. F. Brink returned to Calgary on Tuesday after spending the week in Hussar. Mrs. Brink is in Calgary.

MAKEPEACE

Congratulations are going out to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Clark on the birth of a son on April 22. Both mother and son are doing well in a Calgary Hospital.

Miss Thelma Brocklebank returned earlier in the week for a short holiday to her former home in Willm. Manitoba.

According to reports received here last week, the creek waters were higher than they can ever be remembered.

We are all glad to hear that Mrs. T. Mullen is making a speedy recovery in the Bassano Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jorgensen and family were dinner guests Sunday last, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Larsen.

Mr. Graham Montgomery of Hussar spent the week-end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Roberge.

Mr. Bill Gunneman also arrived back in the Makepeace district and it is reported he will remain for the summer.

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SCHOOL LITERARY SOCIETY TO PUBLISH ANNUAL

Plans for the 1940 issue of the local High School Annual have already been completed, and work on the magazine is in full swing. For the past few weeks, appointees of the student organization have busied themselves collecting and editing material for their particular section of the magazine. Already a number of articles have been completed, and turned over to the Editor-in-Chief, for the final approval.

This year the name of the School Annual will be changed from Le-Gaillard to "Le Resume". As last year, it will carry a section devoted to advertising, to assist the students financing the enterprise.

All phases of School activity will be thoroughly covered in the book; from the editorial and Literary section to the Sports section. One particular section will be of interest to the students, that being the joke section.

Expanding somewhat on the last publication, this volume will contain a few more pictures of school classes and year book staff. A dormitory supplement will be included for the enjoyment of students attending the Bassano Dormitory.

The staff, chosen at a meeting of the Literary Society some time ago, is as follows:

Editor-in-Chief — Eleanor Ferraby
Business Manager — Lloyd Marquess
Advertising Manager — Stanley Slorance

Literary Editor — Roberta Merrick
Arts and Society Editor — Neilla MacLeod

Sports Editor — Harry Denny

It is expected that the magazine will be completed and on sale early in May.

S. H. EDWARDS UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mr. S. H. Edwards, Secretary Treasurer of Bassano Municipal Hospital District No. 6, underwent an operation in the Hospital early last week. At time of going to press

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A good assortment of mens work gloves \$1.00 and up

Corn flakes any assortment 3 for 25c

Cleanser big tins real special 3 tins 25c

Peas, Corn, Pork and Beans or String Beans 8 for \$1.00

Jams—pure Apricot, peach, blackberry, strawberry per tin 59c

Pineapple, plums or green gages any 2 tins 25c

Biscuit fancy assortment or chocolate Bon Bons, 2 lbs. 45c

Vanilla or Lemon 6 oz. bottles on special 25c

Tomatoe juice specials (while they last) 4 tins 25c

Soap chips, super suds or Jiff any 2 45c

Heinz Tomatoe Catsup 5 oz bottles special 5c

Pork Sausage, Beef Stew very large tins only 25c

Weiners, Balony, Sliced Bacon, Hams, Hamburger, Steaks and Roasts, Pork Sausage.

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START SEASON'S ROAD PROGRAMS

highway, west of Edmonton, while another is finishing of the highway from the vicinity of Medicine Hat to Walsh, on the Saskatchewan border.

Work on the Jasper highway, west of the city, is to be completed as speedily as possible, while it is planned that there will be no major route, in view of the anticipated rush of motorists to take advantage of opening of the new Jasper-Lake Louise scenic highway.

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we are pleased to report that Mr. Edwards is recovering very favorably, and is able to be up and around for a short time each day. Sam Edwards is relieving his father in the office.

Surfacing of the Red Deer-Crossfield section of the No. 1 highway, also is on this year's program, while extension of work on the St. Paul road also is planned for southern Alberta.

Here is a FREE BOOK



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Every farmer should read this interesting and instructive book by R. M. Hopper, B.S.A., Assistant Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Brandon, Man. It is full of valuable information on poultry breeding, feeding and housing. It tells how to make and keep birds healthy and profitable. Drop in at the nearest branch of The Royal Bank of Canada for your copy. If more convenient, write.

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HAVE you ever tried taking informal self-portraits—or perhaps a story-telling sequence of shots of yourself, busy at some hobby or everyday activity about the house? It's an entertaining camera pastime—and with the aid of a self-timer, you can shoot such pictures easily.

The self-timer is a small "delayed-action" device which clips on the cable release of a camera, and trips the shutter after a brief time interval. Some fine cameras even have a self-timer built into the shutter. You simply place the camera on a firm support, press the release catch of the self-timer—then step into the picture, and pose as you wish, until the shutter clicks.

With a couple of photo bulbs, a self-timer attached to the cable release of your camera, and a short "scenario" of half-dozen or so pictures to act out, you can have no end of fun all by yourself. For example—taking the picture above as a cue—you might show yourself at a hurried breakfast, putting salt in the coffee by mistake, burning the toast, spilling milk on the newspaper, and then discovering it's Sunday and you don't have to work after all.

Or, if you're interested in char-

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Local Items of Interest

School Inspector McCullough was a visitor in the Hussar district on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAN BANQUET AND DANCE

Preliminary arrangements have been completed for the High School Banquet and Dance to be held in the Masonic Hall on Thursday, May 23.

The Banquet will be the climax of the social activities of the local high school, especially in honor of the graduation class. A staff of eight members were elected to arrange all the details. The committee consists of Kay Smith, Jean Wallace June Ragan, Eleanor Ferraby, Ramsay Broadfoot, Bob Bacon, Ronald MacLean and Armond Zielinski.

The Banquet proper will be a private function with students, parents, alumnae and local business men and women attending. The program will consist of informal "chatty" after-dinner speeches, introduction of graduation class and presentation of the Music Festival Diplomas.

The Hall is to be decorated in the school colors of Black and Orange. Naturally the student body is anticipating the "menu" with an envious hope of choice vitals. Following this the public are cordially invited to attend a dance. Music for the evening will be presented by that popular C J C J orchestra—none other than Len Davis. Dancing patrons are asked to watch for further particulars when Bassano High School presents "Len Davis" in the Masonic Hall on May 23rd."

Mr. Jim Davis was a Calgary visitor on Monday of this week.

Mr. David Begg of Medicine Hat was a Saturday visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas Hopkins.

Mrs. Chas Hopkins and Mrs. S. Lenard were Gleichen visitors on Thursday of this week.

Mrs. A. P. Thompson is visiting for a few days with friends in Medicine Hat.

Mrs. James Johnston returned the first of the week from a week-end spent visiting relatives in Calgary.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clark of Crowfoot, a son, in a Calgary Hospital.

Several of the E. L. D. Employees resumed their spring duties on the project the first of this week.

Mrs. H. Harper spent the weekend in Calgary, visiting with her daughter Margaret.

Miss Connie MacBeth returned the first of the week from a short holiday spent with friends in Castles.

Miss Carolyne Beeber who is attending business college in Calgary spent the week-end visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beeber.

Miss Connie MacBeth is visiting for a few days with friends in Calgary.

Mr. Jim McCarter of Medicine Hat is relieving Mr. C. Hopkins of the local C. P. R. staff. Mr. Hopkins was injured in an accident near Swift Current, last week.

Miss Florence Playfair, teacher in a Medicine Hat School, spent the past week-end visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Playfair.

Private Jack Edwards of Calgary is spending several days leave visiting with Mrs. J. Edwards and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Edwards, of Bassano.

Mrs. A. G. Scott left on Saturday night by train, for Palmerston, Ontario, where she will spend several weeks visiting with her mother, Mrs. Hobson.

Roads between Hussar and Bassano are in such poor condition that Mr. Joe Hein found it necessary to travel by train to come to Bassano on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Frank Gayford of Calgary spent a couple of days the early part of this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gayford, of Bassano.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rennie were visitors in Medicine Hat last Friday and attended the Nurses Graduation Exercises. Miss Margaret Rennie was one of the Nurses to graduate from the Medicine Hat Hospital.

Don't forget the R. C. Altar Society Pony Raffle, to take place in Gem Colony at the dance on May 4th. The Pony will be brought to Bassano for display at a not too distant date. Purchase your tickets from any member of the Catholic Church.

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Ready Dinner Specials

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1 tin Burns Beef Stew	
1 tin Cheese and Spaghetti	
All 3 tins for	.38

Candy Specials

Springtime Jellies. A fresh lot just in.	.19
Buy a lb. at Lowney's Peppermint Patties.—	.25

1 lb. box

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344's—3 doz. for	.65
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176's—3 doz for

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